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Fanshawe strike gets ugly at traffic-snarling pickets

- Police step in to allow cars through
- London Transit Commission close at least one bus stop because of backups

People leaned on their car horns and screamed obscenities yesterday as tensions mounted between drivers and striking Fanshawe College support staff.

"This is nuts," Barb Vieira, 40, of London said as she sat in bumper-to-bumper traffic near the college's gates on Fanshawe College Boulevard.

Vieira's morning commute usually takes about five minutes. Yesterday, it took her the better part of an hour to travel half a block.

"What do you tell your boss? There was a strike?" Vieira said.

Members of the Ontario Public Service Employees Union have been on strike at the province's 24 community colleges since their contract expired Sept. 1. Pickets outside Fanshawe have been snarling traffic since classes started Sept. 6, but drivers said the slowdowns have escalated this week.

Leslie McIntosh, a Fanshawe employee and member of the Ontario Public Service Employees Union Local 109, said those walking the picket line have started stopping drivers and asking them to sign a petition. The petition, she said, is "fairly neutral" and advocates both sides going back to the bargaining table.

"I don't know that they've escalated," McIntosh said about traffic backup. "The traffic on campus is always heavy. Having traffic backups is nothing new."

Some students said they feel like pawns in the dispute.

The striking workers provide services that range from running computer labs to processing Ontario Student Assistance Program applications. College officials have said those jobs are being filled by other Fanshawe employees. But students said there have been problems.

Bre Warren, 20, of Bowmanville, is worried she won't be able to pay rent after her OSAP appointment was cancelled last week. Warren borrowed money from her parents to cover textbooks, which she waited in line for hours to buy.

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▶ Ontario Public Service Employees Union walk a picket line yesterday along Fanshawe College Boulevard.

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▶ A Fanshawe College student screams at a striking Ontario Public Service Employees Union member yesterday outside the college gates on Fanshawe College Boulevard. The student refused to sign a petition supporting the union, which has been on strike since Sept. 1.

Student Kaitie Jinks had a strong message for the strikers yesterday: "Get off your high horse."

"This is ridiculous," Jinks, 22, of London said.

McIntosh said no new contract talks have been scheduled.

Union members have said the main issue is proposed contract clauses that would allow for hiring more temporary and part-time workers.

Representatives from the College Employer Council, the community colleges' bargaining unit, have said the main issue is wages.

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Workers rally in Toronto at rush hour

Hundreds of striking Ontario college support workers carried a wooden table in downtown Toronto yesterday to symbolize their demand for new negotiations.

Workers from 10 community colleges took part in the march to the management head office during the morning rush hour. They had a police escort.

The Ontario Public Service Employees Union workers, who have been on strike since Sept. 1, held a rally to call for a resumption of negotiations and then marched back from Bay Street to George Brown College. The union represents about 8,000 cleaners, food-service staff and registration officers. Wages and job protection are major issues in the dispute. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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▶ Dulux Paints employees Justin Bendheim, left, and Simon Fader roll primer onto a wall yesterday outside the Boys & Girls Club of London.

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Fresh coat for Boys & Girls Club

Several employees at Dulux Paints volunteered their time to spruce up the Boys & Girls Club of London, giving fresh coats of paint to interior and exterior walls. The work was part of Dulux's Adding Colour to People's Lives program, which is splashing $1 million worth of free paint into communities across Canada.

Two arrested in downtown robbery

- **Suspects ran in opposite directions after leaving Dundas Street jewelry store: Witness**
- **Downtown was crowded with police cars in a little more than a minute**

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Two men are facing charges after a robbery led to a downtown manhunt yesterday.

Const. Dennis Rivest confirmed that the men were arrested in connection with a robbery. There were no injuries, Rivest said. Additional information is expected to be released today.

Rob Bradley, a distribution and marketing supervisor for Metro, said he was working downtown at about 9:30 a.m. when two men "busted through" the front door of William Jewelers at 201 Dundas St.

"The one guy ... ran right by me ... heading west on Dundas," Bradley said.

The other man scuffled with the store's owner, pushed him to the ground and then walked east on Dundas, Bradley said. The owner followed that suspect as he ran south on Clarence Street, Bradley added.

Bradley contacted police and caught up with the store owner in Citi Plaza. By then, there were as many as 20 police cars throughout downtown, he said.

The search included police dogs and stretched as far as Dufferin Avenue, Bradley said.

"(Police) were everywhere.... The response time was amazing. For the first five minutes, they were at every single intersection downtown."
WITNESS ROB BRADLEY

London man to go on trial for murder

A London man charged with second-degree murder in the death of his girlfriend more than a year ago has been ordered to stand trial.

Christopher Gale, 30, is also charged with offering an indignity to a body as well as multiple drug and gun counts. Jocelyn Bishop, 21, disappeared last July.

Her body was found four days after she was reported missing at the back of a property on Fanshawe Park Road. **AM980/AM980.CA**

Mosquitos still in season

The Middlesex-London Health Unit is advising residents that, despite the return of cooler temperatures, mosquitoes carrying West Nile virus are still active. **METRO**

YMCA reaches goal

The YMCA of Western Ontario will host its final Y Fore Kids golf tournament tomorrow at the Sunningdale Golf and Country Club. The tournament will mark the reaching of a $1-million endowment-fund goal, which ensures as many children in the region as possible have the chance to attend a YMCA summer camp. **METRO**

Subsidized

▶ Currently, 61 per cent of kids attending YMCA's Camp Queen Elizabeth and its many summer day camps are subsidized.

▶ Christina Chambers

CHRISTINA CHAMBERS

"IT WAS LIKE, 'I CAN GET A JOB AT THE FAIR?'"

Christina Chambers, 62, of London has racked up 27 years as a worker at Western Fair.

Metro sat down with Chambers yesterday to chat about her work.

How did you get involved in Western Fair?
"They had an ad running, and it was something I've always wanted to do. I love the fair. I used to come when I was a kid and as an adult with my own children. It was like, I can get a job at the fair? I can actually get paid to come here and enjoy it? And I do enjoy the fair. It's the 10 days I look forward to in the year."

What's your favourite part of the job?
"I get to see all the shows, and there's people here I get to meet over the time.... You get to know a lot of the people. Now they come in and it's, 'Hi Chris, how are you?' It makes you feel good."

What's the hardest part of the job?
"The job isn't hard, it's working two jobs. I don't take time off when the fair's on. I work my full-time job and then I come in here. Some days as I'm getting older you notice it a little more.... Chairs is one of our worst jobs. You have to put them out every day and take them down every day.... I guess if you like something, it's not as hard."

What's the most exciting celebrity experience you've had working in the grandstand?
"Actually, it was years ago and it was Lee Greenwood, a country and western singer. He was the man that came out after we had done all of our chairs and the crowd had gone. He came out and introduced himself to all of us and gave all us girls a kiss and thanked us for a great job." ANGELA MULLINS

No 'pie-in-the-sky' deals like Samsung: Hudak

PC candidate provides no suggestions for fixing unemployment, other issues in London ◐ Calls health and education main priorities for Tories

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▶ Ontario PC Leader Tim Hudak speaks during a campaign stop in London yesterday.

Progressive Conservative Leader Tim Hudak continued lashing out at the Liberals yesterday, calling for an end to the "limousine lifestyle" of Dalton McGuinty's "fancy consultants."

Hudak spoke to the media for about 30 minutes yesterday before leaving London for campaign stops in Chatham and Kingsville. He opened the press conference with scathing words about the government's eHealth scandal.

The Tories plan to put $6.1 billion toward health care by the end of their first term, Hudak said.

"But, unlike Dalton McGuinty, we'll actually watch where the money goes and put it toward patient care," Hudak said.

Hudak promised a middle-class income-tax cut and called for taking the harmonized sales tax "off the basics," such as hydro and home heating bills.

When asked about his vow to nix a Samsung deal that will bring 120 jobs to London, Hudak said only that he will provide better jobs for all families.

"I won't be signing these pie-in-the-sky contracts that drive hydro rates through the roof," he said.

The London appearance came as two new polls suggest Ontario could be headed toward a minority government on Oct. 6.

A Nanos Research poll shows the Liberals have 38 per cent support, up six points from 10 days ago. The Conservatives are second at 34 per cent and the NDP is third at 24 per cent.

An Ipsos Reid poll has the Liberals at 38 per cent, the PCs at 37 per cent and the NDP at 24 per cent.

Traditionally, 40 per cent is the starting point for a majority government in Ontario. WITH FILES FROM AM980/AM980.CA

Tweet earns old pal chat in Chatham

Tim Hudak's tour through southwestern Ontario also stopped in Chatham, where he ran into an old high school friend and signed jerseys for the man's kids.

Jody Anderson, a chiropractor who played football with Hudak in high school and also attended Western with the Tory leader, was driving into Chatham with his wife to get some supplies for their kids' hockey games when he heard on the radio Hudak would be in town.

His wife tweeted Hudak to see if they could meet up, and ended up coming off the highway right behind his campaign bus.

The Tory leader let them know where he'd be and chatted with the couple before boarding his bus for one final stop in Kingsville. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Utah 'angels' save crash victim's life

Group of strangers disregard own safety to save motorcyclist trapped under burning wreckage Footage of heroic rescue attempt goes viral

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▶ In this image taken from video, a group of people tilt a burning BMW up to free Brandon Wright, on his back on the ground, who was pinned underneath after he collided with the car while riding his motorcycle on U.S. 89 in Logan, Utah.

The bystanders had to act quickly. A motorcyclist had just collided with a car and was pinned beneath the flaming wreckage.

Disregarding their own safety, they lined up on one side of the car. And slowly, they managed to lift the roughly 4,000-pound car just high enough for one rescuer to pull Brandon Wright to safety.

They are being called "heroes" and "angels" — their few minutes of heroics was captured on video and has gone viral on the Internet.

"I'm just very thankful for everyone that helped me out," Wright told The Associated Press by telephone from his hospital bed. "They saved my life."

Most of those who helped then scattered.

"Every one of those people put their lives in danger," assistant police Chief Jeff Curtis said, adding that "you can only speculate what the outcome would have been if they hadn't lifted that car."

At a hospital news conference yesterday, Wright's uncle, Tyler Riggs, recounted what Wright told his family about Monday's accident.

The crash happened near Utah State University in Logan, north of Salt Lake City. Wright was headed to study at a computer lab, Riggs said. The BMW was pulling out of a parking lot.

Tire and skid marks on the highway showed that Wright laid the bike down and slid along the road before colliding with the car, Curtis said.

Riggs said Wright tried to protect himself by laying his bike down.

The bike hit the car's hood and bounced to the ground, while Wright, who was not wearing helmet, slid under the car and then both vehicles burst into flames, Curtis said.

"They risked their lives doing it. It restores your faith in humanity."
TYLER RIGGS, VICTIM'S UNCLE, AT PRESS CONFERENCE

The video, shot by university staffer Chris Garff who had seen the smoke, shows a crowd gathering around the burning wreckage as flames shoot into the air.

Some of the rescuers are wearing construction helmets and safety vests, others sport school backpacks and at least one police officer is in the crowd. They quickly place their hands on the car and start to rock it until it tilts up.

Once the car is on its wheels, a construction worker in a hardhat and a lime green T-shirt can be seen dragging a spread-eagled Wright from under the car.

Two officers then move in with fire extinguisher. A few minutes pass before paramedics start to provide Wright with medical care. It's unclear whether they had just arrived or whether they were waiting for the scene to be declared safe.

Riggs said Wright remembered details from the crash and told his family that he felt scared and could see and feel the flames. "He remembers being under the car, spitting up blood and not being able to talk," Riggs said.

Riggs said Wright has not seen the video of the rescue.

Despite not wearing a helmet, Riggs said, Wright had suffered no head trauma.

However, Wright does have two broken legs, a broken pelvis, road rash, burns on his left foot and abrasions to his forehead. The hospital said Wright was in satisfactory condition.

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Boy's accused kidnapper in police custody

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▶ Randall Hopley

Kienan Hebert's father says the arrest of the sole suspect in his son's disappearance is a relief for his family and will calm nerves in the British Columbia community.

Convicted sex offender Randall Hopley, 46, was arrested yesterday morning, nearly a week after three-year-old Kienan vanished from his family home in Sparwood, RCMP said. A worker at a rock quarry in southwestern Alberta, not far from the B.C. boundary, said Hopley was arrested nearby.

Police offered few details of the arrest, which came two days after Kienan was mysteriously returned to his home in the middle of the night.

Hopley hasn't yet been charged in Kienan's disappearance.

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VOLUME CONTROL

Get rid of loud TV ads: CRTC

Canada's broadcasters have a year to turn down the volume on their TV ads.

The Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission has ruled that commercials are indeed annoyingly loud, and will give broadcasters until next September to do something about it.

They got help in the verdict from over 7,000 Canadians who responded with a resounding yes to the question it posed in February whether they thought ads were too loud.

The commission says 2009's international standard for measuring and controlling television signals will apply to minimize fluctuations in loudness between shows and commercials.

Under the standard, broadcasters will have to ensure that both programs and ads are transmitted at the same volume. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Baird backs official in flirty email blunder

The foreign affairs minister says his confidence in parliamentary secretary Bob Dechert has not been shaken by an embarrassing email exchange with a Chinese journalist.

John Baird says he's worked with the Toronto-area MP for a long time and he still trusts him, despite the flirtations involving Dechert and an employee of a state-run news agency linked to Chinese intelligence.

"Listen, I think the government has spoken to this, Mr. Dechert has spoken to this, I have spoken to this," Baird said yesterday. "I have nothing really additional."

Baird then refused further comment on the matter.

Dechert, as parliamentary secretary to the minister of justice, passed a fresh round of cabinet security checks in March, a newly disclosed document indicates.

Last week, Dechert acknowledged sending amorous notes to journalist Shi Rong, who works for the Xinhua news agency, linked to China's intelligence agencies. He insisted the relationship was "innocent."

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▶ A view of a crash between two passenger trains and a bus in Buenos Aires yesterday. Eleven people were killed and 212 injured in the crash after the bus driver drove around barriers in an attempt to beat them across the tracks, Argentine authorities said.

Bus driver makes fatal miscalculation

269 died in train-related accidents in Buenos Aires last year ◐ Project to move tracks underground delayed

A bus driver gambled and tried to rush across railroad tracks yesterday despite a barrier, bells and flashing lights, setting off a chain-reaction collision with two trains that killed 11 people and injured hundreds in Argentina's capital.

The accident, captured on video, came as little surprise to many in Buenos Aires, where 440 people and 165 vehicles were hit by trains last year, causing a total of 269 deaths.

In this accident, the bus got halfway across the first track before an oncoming passenger train crushed it against a concrete station platform. The collision forced the train's first two cars off the rails and into another locomotive.

The bus driver was killed, and 212 were injured, including about 20 people in critical condition, said Alberto Crescenti, director-general of Argentina's emergency medical system.

The collision happened at 6:15 a.m. during the busy morning rush hour in the densely populated Flores neighbourhood, when many parents use public transportation to take their children to school. Children were among the injured, according to Argentine Transportation Secretary J.P. Schiavi.

Emergency officials were still trying to extricate bodies from under the wreckage hours after the crash.

Union leader Omar Maturano blamed "how we are as Argentines, that we immediately lift the barriers and cross despite flashing warning signals."

"It's a cultural problem. There are many people who are accustomed to beating the train," he said.

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IRAN

U.S. hikers could be freed in 'days'

Iran's president predicted yesterday that two Americans arrested in July 2009 while hiking along the Iraq-Iran border and sentenced to eight years in jail on espionage-related charges could be freed "in a couple of days" after a court set bail of $500,000 each.

The events appeared timed to boost the image of President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad coinciding with his visit to New York next week for the UN General Assembly session. Last year, a third American was released on bail around the same time.

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▶ U.S. hikers Shane Bauer, left, and Josh Fattal, at trial in Iran in February.

Lawyer Masoud Shafiei said the court would begin the process to free Bauer and Fattal after payment of the bail, which must be arranged through third parties because of U.S. economic sanctions on Iran. The timing of the court's decision is similar to last year's bail deal mediated by the Gulf state of Oman that freed a third American, Sarah Shourd.

"They accepted to set bail to release," Shafiei told The Associated Press after leaving court. "The amount is the same for Sarah." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Kabul blitzed by Taliban fighters

Attacks stark reminder of instability that continues to plague Afghanistan nearly a decade after U.S. invasion

Taliban insurgents fired rocket-propelled grenades, heavy machine guns and assault rifles at the U.S. Embassy, NATO headquarters and other buildings in the heart of the capital yesterday while suicide bombers struck police buildings in an attack blitz that displayed the ability of militants to bring their fight to the doorsteps of Western power in Afghanistan.

The co-ordinated assaults — coming two days after the United States marked the 10th anniversary of the Sept. 11 terror attacks — carried an unsettling message to Western leaders and their Afghan allies about the resilience and reach of the Taliban network.

It was the third major attack in Kabul since late June, casting fresh doubts on the ability of Afghans to secure their own country as the U.S. and other foreign troops prepare to withdraw by the end of 2014.

The American Embassy and NATO both said no staff were wounded. Afghan officials said the violence resulted in the deaths of four police officers and two civilians. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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▶ Afghan women, workers of the health ministry, call their families during firing between the militants and Afghan security forces in Kabul yesterday.

Official reaction

- U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton said the U.S. will do everything it can to combat those who committed the "cowardly attack."
- NATO Secretary-General Anders Fogh Rasmussen said the "enemies of Afghanistan" were trying to disrupt the handing over of security responsibility to the Afghan army and police.
- President Hamid Karzai said the attack would not deter Afghan security forces from taking full responsibility for the country's security by the end of 2014.

An Important Notice Regarding Your Personal Health Information

This notice is being issued to help people with diabetes or at risk of having diabetes decide whether or not they want to consent to having their personal health information shared in the Diabetes Registry and the Diabetes Testing Report.

The Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care (MOHLTC) is working to help individuals better manage their diabetes and their diabetes care. As part of this effort, eHealth Ontario is creating and will be operating a Diabetes Registry to give health care providers the ability to easily check patient records, access diagnostic information, receive patient alerts, and track the care a patient with diabetes receives. The implementation of the Diabetes Registry is a first step towards achieving a province-wide Electronic Health Record for eligible Ontarians.

The MOHLTC currently uses the paper-based Diabetes Testing Report to keep your primary care provider (physician or nurse practitioner in a Nurse Practitioner-Led Clinic) informed of when you last had the following three key tests that people living with diabetes should receive on a regular basis:

- the HbA1C blood glucose control test, which patients should receive at least every six months
- the LDL-C cholesterol test, which patients should receive approximately every year
- a retinal eye exam, which patients should receive at least every two years

In order to create the Diabetes Testing Report, your primary care provider shares personal health information, including your name, OHIP number, and date of birth with the MOHLTC. He or she will also confirm whether you have diabetes. In response, the MOHLTC will share the most recent date for each of the three key tests with your primary care provider.

Starting in Fall 2011, eHealth Ontario will begin operating the Diabetes Registry and other Electronic Health Record applications to permit health care providers to access your name, OHIP number, date of birth, and clinical information such as procedure dates and test results, in real time, when they are providing you with health care. The MOHLTC will continue to send Diabetes Testing Reports to primary care providers until they transition to the Diabetes Registry.

Protecting Your Privacy

The MOHLTC will share your personal health information through eHealth Ontario and the Diabetes Registry with health care providers when they are providing you with health care. The collection, use, and disclosure of your personal health information by the MOHLTC and health care providers, are subject to the *Personal Health Information Protection Act, 2004* (PHIPA). eHealth Ontario is also subject to PHIPA.

Your privacy is important. You may decide that you do not want your primary care provider to disclose your name, OHIP number, and date of birth, and confirm that you are a patient with diabetes, to the MOHLTC, and that you do not want the MOHLTC to include the dates of your last HbA1C, LDL-C, and retinal eye exam in your provider's Diabetes Testing Reports.

You may also withhold or withdraw your consent so that your personal health information will not be shared with health care providers through the Diabetes Registry without your express consent.

If you do not want your personal health information shared through the Diabetes Registry and/or the Diabetes Testing Report, this will in no way affect your relationship with your health care providers, who will continue to provide health care to you.

If you previously withheld or withdrew your consent from having your personal health information included in Diabetes Testing Reports, your consent will also be withdrawn from the Diabetes Registry. However, if you previously withheld or withdrew your consent from the Diabetes Testing Report, but would like your information to be accessible by health care providers through the Diabetes Registry, you will need to reinstate your consent by following the instructions set out below.

Deciding Not to Share Your Information

If you wish to withhold or withdraw your consent to having your information disclosed between your primary care provider and the MOHLTC for Diabetes Testing Reports and/or if you wish to withhold or withdraw your consent to having your personal health information accessed by health care providers through the Diabetes Registry, you may call **1-800-291-1405 (TTY: 1-800-387-5559)**.

If you have previously withheld or withdrawn your consent to have your information included on the Diabetes Testing Report and you do not want to participate in the Diabetes Testing Report or the Diabetes Registry, you do not need to withhold or withdraw your consent again.

If you have previously withheld or withdrawn your consent and wish to reinstate your consent to participate in the Diabetes Testing Report and/or the Diabetes Registry, you can do so by calling the number above.

More information about diabetes and the Diabetes Registry can be found at **www.ontario.ca/diabetes**.

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▶ A homeless man plays his guitar while panhandling on the street in New York City in June.

Canada's rich-poor gap widening faster than peers'

Canada is rapidly catching up to the United States as a country divided between haves and have-nots, according to a study issued yesterday by the Conference Board.

The Conference Board says income inequality has been rising more in Canada than in the United States since the mid-1990s, and faster than in many peer countries.

In fact, the think-tank says Canada had the fourth-largest increase in income disparity among a sample group of 17 advanced economies in the period between the mid-1990s and the late 2000s.

"Even though the U.S. currently has the largest rich-poor income gap among these countries, the gap in Canada has been rising at a faster rate," said Anne Golden, the board's chief executive.

Overall, income inequality rose in 10 of the countries sampled, rising fastest in Sweden, Finland and Denmark.

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U.S. poverty rate soars to 1 in 6

50 million Americans go without health coverage, report reveals

The ranks of America's poor swelled to almost one in six people last year, reaching a new high as long-term unemployment left millions of Americans struggling and out of work. The number of uninsured edged up to 49.9 million, the biggest in more than two decades.

The Census Bureau's annual report released yesterday offers a snapshot of the economic well-being of U.S. households for 2010, when joblessness hovered above nine per cent for a second year. It comes at a politically sensitive time for President Barack Obama, who has acknowledged in the midst of a re-election fight that the unemployment rate could persist at high levels through next year.

The overall poverty rate climbed to 15.1 per cent, or 46.2 million, up from 14.3 per cent in 2009. The official poverty level is an annual income of $22,314 US for a family of four.

Reflecting the lingering impact of the recession, the U.S. poverty rate from 2007-2010 has now risen faster than any three-year period since the early 1980s, when a crippling energy crisis amid government cutbacks contributed to inflation, spiralling interest rates and unemployment.

Measured by total numbers, the 46 million now living in poverty is the largest on record dating back to when the census began tracking poverty in 1959. Based on percentages, it tied the poverty level in 1993 and was the highest since 1983.

The median household income was $49,445 US, down 2.3 per cent from 2009.

The latest numbers, which cover Obama's second year in office, offer political fodder for both parties as Obama seeks to push a new $447-billion US plan for creating jobs and stimulating the economy.

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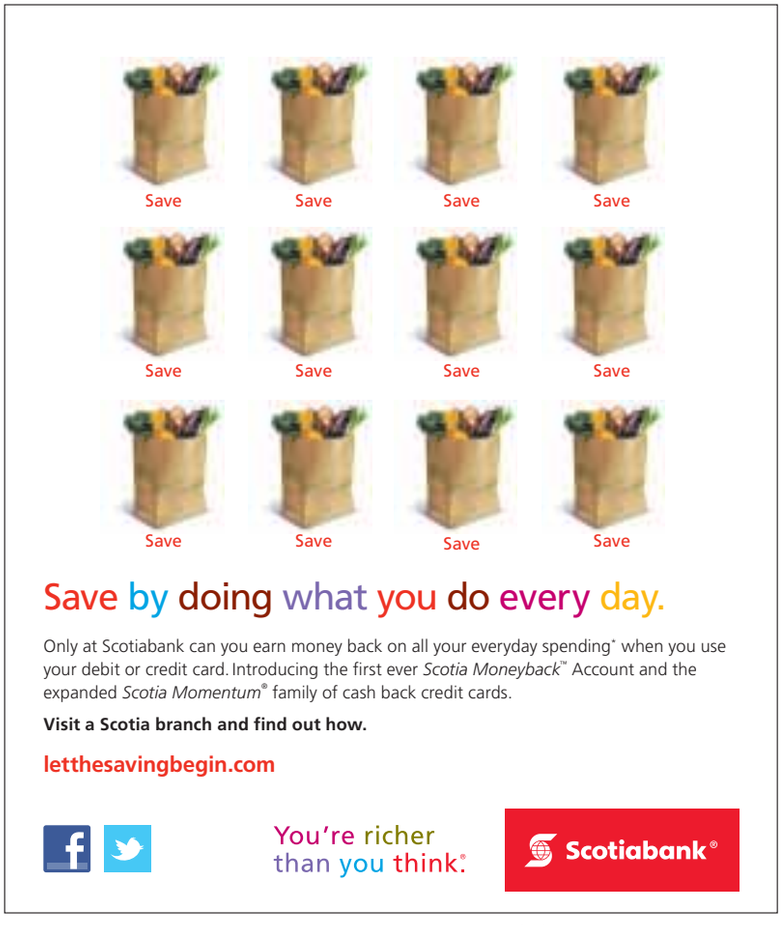
Other findings

- Poverty rose among all race and ethnic groups except Asians.
- The number of Hispanics in poverty increased to 26.6 per cent from 25.3 per cent.
- For blacks, it increased to 27.4 per cent from 25.8 per cent.
- The number of whites in poverty rose to 9.9 per cent from 9.4 per cent.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Fraud convictions upheld in Livent case

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▶ Livent co-founder Garth Drabinsky

Disgraced impresarios Garth Drabinsky and Myron Gottlieb, whose company Livent Inc. was once the toast of the Canadian theatre scene, remain guilty of fraud but will serve shorter prison terms, Ontario's highest court has ruled.

The Ontario Court of Appeal upheld the fraud convictions handed down by a lower court in 2009, but trimmed their jail time by two years each — Drabinsky must now serve five years behind bars, and Gottlieb four years.

The two were convicted after Ontario court Judge Mary Lou Benotto found that during a nine-year span they manipulated the income reported by Livent, once the driving force behind Canadian and Broadway theatre hits like The Phantom of the Opera and Showboat.

At the time of their trial, Benotto imposed a sentence that took into account the magnitude of the company's collapse — it was estimated at the time that investors lost some $500 million when the company went bankrupt in 1998.

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Market moment

PRICES AS OF 5 P.M. YESTERDAY

TSX	Dollar	Oil	Natural gas
+ 56.65 (12,205.48)	+ 0.68¢ (101.48¢ US)	+ $2.02 US ($90.21 US)	$3,980 (+ 9.5¢)
			Gold $1,830.10 (+ $16.80)

News in brief

Air Canada facing strike

DISPUTE. Air Canada could face its second work stoppage this year after flight attendants overwhelmingly endorsed a strike that could begin as early as next week.

The Canadian Union of Public Employees said yesterday that after a 10-day vote, employees voted 98 per cent to back a strike.

Unless a last-minute deal is reached, 6,800 flight attendants could walk off the job Sept. 21.

The key areas of dispute are wages, pensions and crew rest, working conditions and work rules, said Jeff Taylor, head of the flight attendants' union.

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Loonie finds lift

REBOUND. The Canadian dollar found lift against its U.S. counterpart yesterday, as a rebound in commodity prices overshadowed some troubling economic signs.

The loonie added 0.19 of a cent to 100.98 cents US. On Monday, it had sunk as low as 99.73 cents US, its lowest level since Jan. 31.

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Quick quiz: Who is the most admired person on Earth, living or dead? If your list starts with Martin Luther King Jr., you get the kewpie doll. For example, in a recent survey of 2,000 U.S. high school students, Dr. King was No. 1 above Benjamin Franklin and even Oprah, the only living admirable person who made the list. On survey after survey he's right up there with Gandhi, Nelson Mandela and Winnie the Pooh (even though he is a bear of very little brain, OK?)

If your list started with Jackie Kennedy Onassis, you're eligible for therapy. She was probably the most notorious woman of her generation, but hardly the most admired. True, as U.S. first lady, she put up with serial adulterer John Kennedy until he was assassinated. But when she married Aristotle Onassis, the creepy Greek shipping magnate, she became an object of cynical disdain, especially when, once widowed, she launched a two-year legal battle to extract $26 million out of Christina Onassis, Ari's daughter and sole heir.

"If he was discovered in a hotel room with another woman in 2011, King would make an entirely different list, along with Arnold Schwarzenegger, Eliot Spitzer and the much-admired Anthony Weiner, not to mention Jackie's husband JFK, who brought a whole new meaning to 'affairs of state.'"

Here's an ironic historical footnote. Recently released interview tapes reveal that when she was first lady, Jackie thought King was "tricky" and "phoney" because the FBI caught him with a woman in his hotel room.

This was before it became apparent that "John Kennedy Slept Here" was a whole different story than "George Washington Slept Here."

It's not really fair to judge Jackie with the benefit of hindsight, but that tricky phoney has his own national holiday, Martin Luther King boulevards in every U.S. 'burg and more than 10,000 (and who knows the degree to which his fame extends to hamlets) public schools, community centres and libraries.

Jackie has the reservoir in Central Park, although once again I'm being unfair. She is also memorialized in a white gazebo in Middleburg, Va., where she often participated in the bizarre practice of inducing hounds to chase and tear apart a fox.

I'm not sure why Jackie O. was oblivious to greatness, athough I harbour graceless suspicions. Give her the benefit of the doubt and take the "tricky phoney" talk at face value. After all, if he was discovered in a hotel room with another woman in 2011, King would make an entirely different list, along with Arnold Schwarzenegger, Eliot Spitzer and the much-admired Anthony Weiner, not to mention Jackie's husband JFK, who brought a whole new meaning to "affairs of state."

The times, they are a changin'. And through it all, Winnie the Pooh remains devoted to Christopher Robin.

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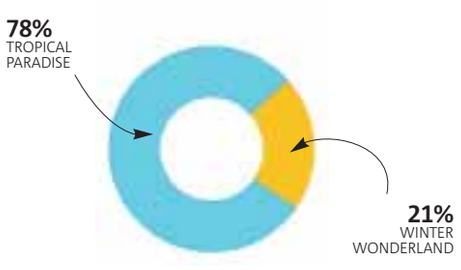
Where is the best place for a winter vacation?



Local tweets

- **@NehaC:** Shady cell coverage and a swipe card that is all of a sudden invalid... Get it togethz #uwo
- **@bailey_bean:** If students were smart they'd take the affiliate shuttle buses. They go from Elgin to Nat Sci. #duh #uwo
- **@MeganUrquhart:** Total chaos outside the Gatewalk entrance to #fanshawe. Ive been in line for 55 minutes. These strikers should be FIRED.
- **@ColinSzemenyei:** And on that note, where's the best spot in #ldnont for an Anniversary Dinner? (Yes, I'm aware this should already be booked)
- **@aaron_robb:** A strange request, but where in #ldnont can I find a litter of puppies to play with. (No desire to buy, we have our own grown dog).
- **@Evolving:** ...going to a good day, going to be a good day, going to be a good day. #ldnont #UWO
- **@LondonWebDev:** Wow! Seriously. Another gorgeous day in #LdnOnt. Enjoy :)

Worth mentioning

What's killing us? For decades, global health leaders have focused on diseases that can spread — AIDS, tuberculosis, new flu bugs. They pushed for vaccines, better treatments and other ways to control germs that were only a plane ride away from seeding outbreaks anywhere in the world.

Now they are turning to a new set of culprits causing what United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon calls "a public-health emergency in slow motion." This time, germs aren't the target: We are, along with our bad habits like smoking, overeating and getting too little exercise.

Next week, the UN General Assembly will hold its first summit on chronic diseases — cancer, diabetes, and heart and lung disease. Those account for nearly two-thirds of deaths worldwide, or about 36 million. In the United States, they kill nearly nine out of 10 people.

"The common belief that cancer is a problem of rich countries is a misconception," said Dr. Eduardo Cazap, president of the Union For International Cancer Control.

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WEIRD NEWS

A 290-pound man goes to White Castle

A man is suing the White Castle chain, claiming the booths in one of its hamburger restaurants are too small.

Martin Kessman says in the federal lawsuit filed last week that he was embarrassed in 2009 when he tried squeezing his six-foot, 290-pound frame into the seating at a White Castle in New York state.

He says he slammed his knee into a metal post under the table and was in pain.

The lawsuit claims the restaurant could not accommodate a customer of Kessman's stature, in violation of the Americans With Disabilities Act.

The suit seeks an unspecified financial judgment.

Spokesman Jamie Richardson at White Castle headquarters in Columbus, Ohio, says the restaurant is being replaced and that the new one will have roomier seating.

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▶ Drew Powell as Bic, James Marsden as David Sumner and Billy Lush as Chris star in Straw Dogs.

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Dog days of summer

The man behind remake of Straw Dogs, Rod Lurie, speaks to Metro about its significance

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The year 1971 was a watershed time for new cinema. Films like A Clockwork Orange, Dirty Harry and Straw Dogs pushed the boundaries of what was acceptable on the silver screen. None are passive films.

Each brims with the obsessions of their makers, and for that each was the subject of controversy and censorship.

Eventually they became accepted by the mainstream. A Clockwork Orange has become a cultural touchstone, with everyone from Lady Gaga to David Bowie to Kylie Minogue, who dressed in a black bowler hat and a white jumpsuit on tour in 2002, paying tribute.

It was even played at the Cannes Film Festival and released on Blu Ray to mark its 40th anniversary. Dirty Harry is on constant rotation on television and Rod Lurie's remake of the Sam Peckinpah film Straw Dogs hits screens this weekend.

The movie stars James Marsden and Kate Bosworth as David and Amy Sumner, a big city couple who move back to her hometown on the Mississippi Gulf Coast.

"This was an era in which people were searching for answers to the madness that was going on around them."
ROD LURIE

Tensions with some of the locals (including True Blood's Alexander Skarsgård) bubble to the surface and soon boil over into violence.

"If you look at a movie like Straw Dogs, which was heavily influenced by a book called The Territorial Imperative," says Lurie, "Peckinpah seems to be saying that violence is in the genetics of all men and therefore we must be aware of it so we can control it. It was extremely fascist thinking but that also seems to be the thing with Dirty Harry.

"A Clockwork Orange is a much more clinical look at that but I think artists were trying to provide the answers top what society was asking then. It was a very, very violent era.

"This was an era in which people were searching for answers to the madness that was going on around them," Lurie continues, "and filmmakers were trying to provide some of the answers. You had everything from the assassinations of Kennedy and King to Vietnam to the Whitman murders to My Lai. I think all of society was trying to understand how human beings could do such things."

SARAH'S FLIP FLOPPING MOVIE CAREER

IN FOCUS

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Sarah Jessica Parker is best known as Carrie Bradshaw, the sharp-tongued figurehead of Sex and the City, the long-running ode to post feminism and stylish clothes. But before Mr. Big and the Louboutins she was a movie star with some classics — like Footloose — and some stinkers — like Dudley Do-Right — to her credit.

This weekend she's back on the big screen for the first time in a non-Sex and the City movie since the 2009 flop Did You Hear about the Morgans? In I Don't Know How She Does It she plays a version of Carrie all grown up with kids and a job in the financial sector.

It's a far cry from her first big movie, Footloose.

She played Rusty, a role Parker has called the "best friend of the pretty girl."

The movie and its fancy footwork earned her a Best Young Supporting Actress in a Motion Picture Musical, Comedy, Adventure or Drama nomination at the Sixth Annual Youth in Film Awards.

A few forgettable films followed like Firstborn — described as a "heavy-handed suburban sitcom"— Girls Just Want to Have Fun — called "a total wannabe in the realm of '80s teen flicks"— and Flight of the Navigator, which features the voice of Pee Wee Herman as a robot.

It wasn't until she teamed with Steve Martin in L.A. Story that things started looking up.

In this surreal look at life and love in Los Angeles Parker plays SanDeE, a ditzy blonde who aspires to be a superstar spokesmodel.

"Um, it's just a model who speaks," she explains. "You know, and she points at things like merchandise, you know, like a car or washer and dryer.

Sometimes it's something really small, you know, like, like a book or fine art print."

The movie broke her out of the teen movie mode and displayed her deft comic timing, which was put to great use in Honeymoon in Vegas opposite Nic Cage.

A few flops later she appeared in the critically acclaimed Ed Wood with Johnny Depp.

Playing the much put-upon girlfriend of the world's worst director, she calls the actors and crew of his film Bride of the Monster "the usual cast of misfits and dope addicts."

Her most spectacular pre-Sex and the City role, however, is in Mars Attacks.

In it she plays a flighty talk show host, who literally becomes a talking head when she is beheaded by aliens.

Williams

Michelle Williams tells Vogue magazine in their upcoming issue that although life has settled since the death of her former fiance, actor Heath Ledger, it's affected all facets of her life.
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Prosecutors appeal dismissal of conspiracy counts in Anna Nicole Smith drug case

Aniston's mom suffers a stroke

Star reportedly visiting her mother in hospital with boyfriend Justin Theroux Actress and her mom have had rocky relationship

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Jennifer Aniston

Jennifer Aniston's mom, Nancy Dow, was reportedly hospitalized recently after suffering a stroke, according to the Daily Mail.

"She's in the hospital. She's fabulous, a very nice lady. She's also very private," a source says of Dow, who is said to be unable to speak and in serious condition.

Aniston reportedly visited the hospital with Justin Theroux at her side.

Aniston and Dow were on the outs for many years, with the actress not even inviting her mother to her 2000 wedding to Brad Pitt, though they reportedly reconciled in 2008.

Aniston's rep would only say that it was a private family matter. METRO

Megan Fox

Megan Fox up for motherhood

Megan Fox is up for being a mom, but first she needs to pad out her bank account.

"I want to have children. I've always wanted kids," she tells Amica magazine.

"I have a number in my mind of what amount of money I want in the bank so that I can protect my child's future."

While she's saving, she's also ditching her vegan diet.

"For a year and a half, until about four months ago, I followed a strict vegan diet based on raw fruits and vegetables, no bread, sugar and coffee. But I had lost too much weight," she says. METRO

Christina Aguilera will stay with The Voice for Season 2

Producers behind the reality singing competition The Voice have no plans to ditch judge Christina Aguilera, despite rumours that the singer isn't going to be part of the show's second season. "There is absolutely no truth to the rumour," NBC's Paul Telegdy says in an official statement. Aguilera is still under contract for season two, which premieres in February. METRO

Christina Aguilera

Go Harry

Prince Harry set a record for closing the largest foreign exchange deal while manning the phones during a charity event, completing a $24.5 billion deal between Barclays London and a European counterpart, according to the London Metro. METRO

Celebrity tweets

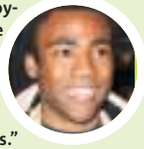
@JessicaSimpson

"What kind of music would y'all want from me on my next album? Thinking about going back to the studio"

@SarahKSilverman

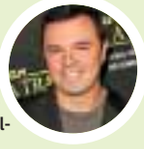
"I'm pretty much done watching actors & actresses pensively looking out windows"

@DonaldGlover



"I'm enjoying these girls dressed like faux tomboys in the 70s."

@SethMacFarlane



"Wow — I hit a million followers and Twitter sent me a pink Cadillac."

Eva Longoria admits it's a little too soon after her split from Tony Parker to think about settling down again.

"I'm not opposed to it, I just don't really give it a lot of thought right now," Longoria tells Access Hollywood.

"Ask a woman after divorce if she's going to get married, you won't get an honest answer." METRO

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French food, culture await in St. Pierre & Miquelon

The islands of St. Pierre and Miquelon offer a taste of France, just a short ferry ride off the coast of Newfoundland

This tiny collection of islands, about 25 kilometres from Fortune, N.L., has a total population of around 7,000 people. It is all that remains of colonial New France.

A former strategic land base for the once lucrative cod fishery, the French government now pays about $65 million a year in subsidies to sustain the islands — its only toehold in North America. St. Pierre and Miquelon were returned to France in 1815 after several stints of British occupation.

Today, residents speak French, deal in Euros and rely heavily on government jobs, fishing and tourism.

The smallest of the islands, St. Pierre, is also the most populated, with colourful clapboard homes on tidy, winding streets that are home to about 6,000 people. Restaurants and bakeries bustle with foreigners in summer.

History buffs won't want to miss the L'Arche museum in the centre of town, where a guillotine similar to one used in 1889 is housed. The eerie killing machine is on display next to the museum's main staircase. The only soul to die by guillotine in North America was a fisherman convicted of murdering a fishing boat captain. He was beheaded in St. Pierre on Aug. 24, 1889.

It is said that local people were so disgusted the guillotine was never used again.

On the lighter side, visitors can also soak up rich tales of rum-running and gangsters, as St. Pierre became the ideal base for booze shipments to a very thirsty North America during Prohibition in the 1920s.

The North American alcohol ban was a bonanza for the fishing town until Prohibition ended in the United States in 1933. Dry laws were repealed in most of Canada several years earlier, depending on the province.

"A lot of people earned a lot of money during those years in St. Pierre and Miquelon," said Lauriane Detcheverry, a spokeswoman for the L'Arche museum.

"But in St. Pierre it wasn't illegal. People selling alcohol here weren't doing something wrong."

Some of the island's most oft-told yarns hail from those heady days.

Just down the street from the museum is the historic Hotel Robert where, according to local lore, Al Capone stayed during a visit to check on liquor shipments.

In a glass cabinet in the gift shop sits a straw hat that Capone apparently left as a souvenir of his presence.

"It may be Al Capone's hat, but it's difficult to say if it's really true or not," says Detcheverry. "But we like to believe that history, of course."

In Miquelon, with a permanent population of about 700 people, the church L'Eglise de Miquelon tells local history in its stained glass windows.

"It's worth a visit because it's so beautiful," Madeline Fitzsimmons of Huntsville, Ont., said during a trip last month to the islands.

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If you go

Be sure to bring a power adapter for any North American electronics.

- **Air Saint-Pierre** 1-877-277-7765, airsaintpierre.com
- **Ferry:** saintpierreferry.ca
- **Tours:** chezjanot.fr

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▶ The harbour of St. Pierre was once the perfect base for booze shipments for North America under the wraps of Prohibition.

▶ St. Pierre and Miquelon offer plenty to see.

3 life

Travel in brief

Authors will be taking to the water on Sept. 25 for readings at the Word on the Street book and magazine festival in Halifax. The deck of CSS Acadia, the 98-year-old scientific ship parked beside the Maritime Museum of the Atlantic, will be the stationary setting for readings by Steven Laffoley and Jerry Lockett from their new, nautical books.

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Canadians less green when they're travelling than at home, says eco group.

DARREN PARKMAN

▶ Bodo Sandhills gives visitors the chance to uncover a piece of history.

Down and dirty in Bodo, Alberta

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Tourists may be flocking to Drumheller to witness the wealth of ancient dinosaur bones, but another rural Alberta archaeological site is raising eyebrows these days.

I was just a tad apprehensive on my way out to the middle of nowhere somewhere near Wainright, Alta., I think, to visit the even smaller and even more out-of-the-way tiny hamlet of Bodo. The official population base is listed at "about 27 people." This place makes Moose Jaw seem like a metropolis.

Not long after arriving in the flat, almost desert-like terrain, I was struck by the history, and the unique hands-on experience of uncovering that history.

More and more tourists are flocking here to get there hands dirty at an ancient Native burial ground.

Just a five-minute drive from the town, if you want to call it that, is the beautiful and unique Bodo Sandhills. The mosquitos were pretty unbearable, but I forgot about my 900 or so bites when we actually had a chance to dig at a large ancient buffalo kill site.

This is the exact area where First Nations people trapped and killed their food, hundreds of years ago, and all around is the evidence. Just a few inches under the ground are thousands and thousands of well-preserved Bison bones.

What makes Bodo so great is that it allows the stunned layman to at least pretend he's a great explorer and famous archaeologist.

Other things to do

- **Tee off at the Wainright Golf Club:** A great 18-hole golf course with a first class club house for dining.
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Shiitake mushrooms and fresh thyme perfectly complement salmon and rice Serve with white wine and zesty lemon wedges

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Rice and Salmon Packets Preparation:

1. Preheat oven to 230 C (450 F). Or preheat barbecue to high.
2. Cut 4 pieces of parchment or foil into 30-cm (12-inch) squares.
3. In a large skillet, melt butter over medium heat. Add green onions and garlic; cook until fragrant but not browned, about 1 minute. Add mushrooms, fennel and thyme and cook until mushrooms are golden, most of the liquid has evaporated and fennel is tender crisp.
4. Spread 125 ml (1/2 cup) of the rice on one side of a sheet of parchment. Lay a portion of fish over rice, top with a quarter of the mushroom-fennel mixture and sprinkle with coarse salt and fresh cracked pepper. Repeat with remaining portions.
5. Seal packages and place on a rimmed baking sheet. Bake in oven until puffed and golden, about 8 minutes. To cook on the barbecue, place packets on a rimmed baking sheet and place on grill over direct heat. Close lid and cook for about 8 minutes.
6. Serve in paper packet or carefully transfer contents to a dinner plate. Serve with lemon wedges.

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Shopping List:

Rice and Salmon Packets

- 15 ml (1 tbsp) butter
- 4 green onions, white parts only, sliced (reserve greens for garnish)
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 250 g (8 oz) shiitake mushrooms thickly sliced
- 1/2 small fennel bulb, sliced
- 5 ml (1 tsp) minced fresh thyme
- 500 ml (2 cups) cooled, cooked brown rice
- 2 ml (1/2 tsp) each coarse salt and fresh cracked pepper
- 4 fish fillets (each 125 g/4 oz), such as salmon, halibut, cod or Arctic char
- Lemon wedges

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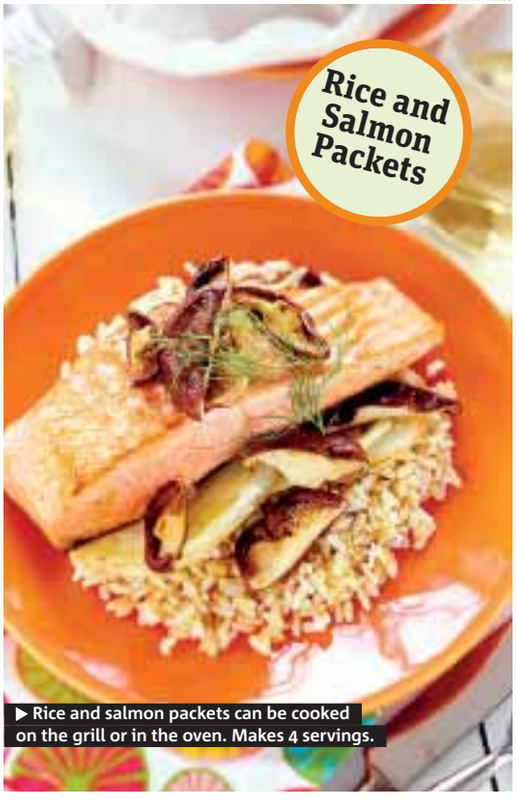

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What does the future hold for the working world?

We asked Rohit Talwar, CEO of forecasting firm Fast Future, for a report 20 years in advance. Hint: Start working on your farming skills now.

Congrats to Apple University, class of 2031?
"School funding will be a huge issue because of the booming costs of looking after retirees. That's why companies will sponsor schools. In developed countries, the barrier between business and education will be blurred. Everything will be commercial and sponsored. If kids go to a school sponsored by a particular company, they might have to work for that company during the school breaks."

Bad news for bank tellers, good news for nurses
"Bank tellers will essentially disappear by 2031, as will jobs like subway drivers and check-in agents at airports. Only those who pay a premium will get human service. At the same time, a range of jobs will be created to look after retirees. Vertical farming will provide new careers, as will new forms of transport and technology-based education."

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▶ Those who study geriatrics may have little to worry about 20 years down the road.

Fashion and retail get a makeover
"3D printing will revolutionize manufacturing. Customers will be able to walk into a shop and design their own clothes, which will be manufactured on the spot. That will create new jobs, too."

In the classroom
"By 2031, education will have changed enormously, especially in developing countries. Technology will act as a teacher. There will be a teacher, but he or she will be many miles away."

"Teachers will be a luxury. We'll pay heavily for the specialization they provide, as technology can take care of most of the teaching."

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NBA optimism low as talks stall

The long looks on players' faces and the anger in deputy commissioner Adam Silver's voice made it obvious: There was no progress in New York yesterday in talks to end the NBA lockout.

And with less than three weeks until training camps, the latest setback may be a tough one.

"I think coming out of today, obviously because of the calendar, we can't come out of here feeling as though training camps and the season is going to start on time at this point," players' association president Derek Fisher of the Lakers said.

Still divided over the salary-cap structure, owners and players decided to pass on talking again today, and no further meetings are scheduled at this point.

"Well, we did not have a great day, I think it's fair to say that," commissioner David Stern said. "On the other hand, we did say that it is our collective task to decide what we want on the one hand on each side, and two, what each side needs if we choose to work ourselves in such a way as to have the season start on time. That's still our goal."

Training camps have been expected to open Oct. 3 and the regular season's opening night is scheduled for Nov. 1.

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Stuck on the cap

The salary cap appears to now be the biggest obstacle to a new NBA deal.

- The current system allows teams to exceed the cap ceiling through various exceptions if they are willing to pay a luxury tax, giving big-market teams such as the Lakers — who can take on added payroll — an advantage over the little guys.

Rays of hope in wild-card race

Tampa Bay surging toward AL's final playoff spot as Boston struggles

It's already October for the Tampa Bay Rays, who have switched into playoff mode in a late push to overtake the sagging Boston Red Sox for the AL wild-card spot.

After losing four of five, Tampa Bay trailed the Red Sox by nine games on Sept. 2. The Rays have since gone 8-1 and entered play last night within three games of a Boston club staggering toward the finish.

The key was a three-game sweep of the Red Sox over the weekend, capped by a 9-1 rout on Sunday.

"Everyone has stepped up and contributed to this run," Rays designated hitter Johnny Damon said. "Now we have to keep it going."

Tampa Bay kept the momentum going Monday night by beating the last-place Baltimore Orioles 5-2. The atmosphere in Baltimore was anything but electric, but the Rays played as if it was the World Series.

"We already started the playoffs," Tampa Bay manager Joe Maddon said. "We're going for the two-month gig. ... There's no letting up. Every game from our perspective has a playoff atmosphere attached to it. That's the way it should be, and that's the way we have to approach it."

There's no need to preach that philosophy to the players, who are well aware of the situation.

"These games (against the Orioles) are just as important as the ones we just played and the ones we're going to be playing," Damon said.

The Rays close out the three-game series tonight before heading to Boston for four games against the Red Sox, who had a five-game losing streak through Monday. Then come four games at Yankee Stadium, followed by the final homestand: Three games versus Toronto and three against New York. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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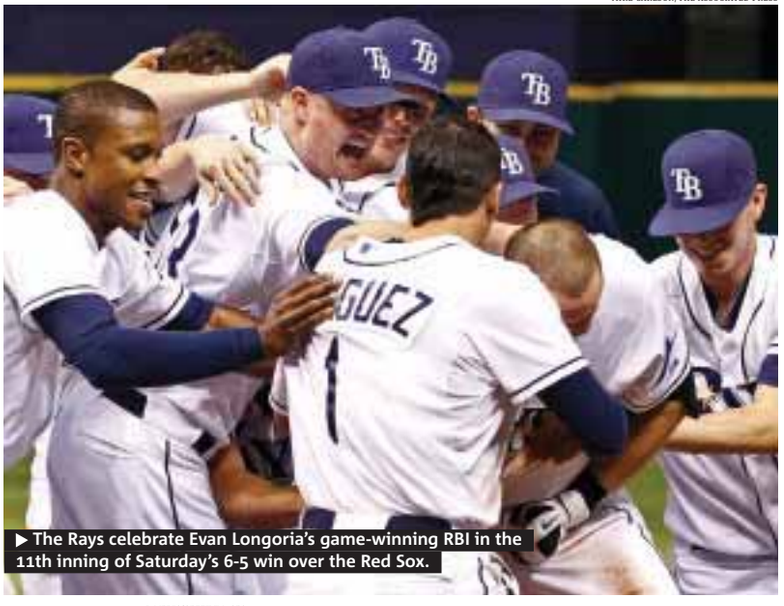

▶ The Rays celebrate Evan Longoria's game-winning RBI in the 11th inning of Saturday's 6-5 win over the Red Sox.

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"We got counted out so many times this year — as recently as several days ago. ... We need to keep pushing and getting better, and hopefully it rewards us at the very end."

TAMPA BAY DESIGNATED HITTER JOHNNY DAMON

Already atop the tennis world, Djokovic aims higher

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▶ Novak Djokovic poses with his U.S. Open trophy atop the Empire State Building in New York yesterday.

Novak Djokovic is ranked No. 1 and is 64-2 in 2011, and sees room for improvement.

He won three of four Grand Slam titles this year — the Australian Open, Wimbledon and U.S. Open — and is talking about adding to his collection.

"There is a lot more to prove, a lot more tournaments to win," Djokovic told reporters at the Empire State Building yesterday, a day after he beat Rafael Nadal in the U.S. Open final.

Leading man

Djokovic didn't say whether he'd like to wind up on TV or in a movie, but the 24-year-old Serb did say he has had offers.

And that's not all: Djokovic gained plenty of attention for his spot-on impersonations of other players (Nadal, Andy Roddick and Maria Sharapova, among others), and now he wants to pursue acting.

"Yeah. Why not? I might do something if I have time soon. And I would like to. I just think show business is something that attracts me," he said.

He's is doing pretty well at his day job, putting together what seven-time major champion John McEnroe called "the greatest year in the history of our sport, there's no doubt about it."

McEnroe, by the way, went 82-3 in 1984.

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4 sports

Sports in brief

Former World Series MVP Manny Ramirez, who retired this year amid allegations of banned-substance use, is facing criminal prosecution on charges he hit his wife during an argument. Ramirez, 39, could get up to a year in jail if convicted of misdemeanour domestic-battery charges. He was released on $2,500 US bail yesterday after spending the night in the Broward County Jail in Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

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Monster engine

The Dodge Charger SRT8's potency has been significantly enhanced for 2012.

The previous 2010 SRT8 (a 2011 version was never offered) generated 425 horsepower and 420 pound-feet of torque from a 6.1-litre "Hemi" V-8.

What's now being served up is a 6.4-litre Hemi that produces 470 horsepower and 470 pound-feet of torque.

What's more, a significant amount of that torque kicks in below the 3,000-r.p.m. range to help enhance the car's off-the-line scoot.

Hustle and (gas) flow

The SRT's development team will brag that the chunky 1,985-kilogram Charger can hustle to 60 m.p.h. (96 km/h) from a dead stop in "the high four-second range" and is capable of a 280 km/h top speed.

To try to keep the SRT8's premium-gas habit within an acceptable range, the engine uses Chrysler's latest deactivation technology that cuts out half the cylinders over a wider r.p.m. range for an estimated 25 per cent increase in highway fuel economy (8.0 l/100 km, est.).

Brembo brakes

Perhaps the most obvious SRT8 feature is its very distinctive 20-inch (and nine-inch-wide) polished aluminum wheels that really set this beast apart from mainstream Chargers.

To haul the big, bad Dodge down in a hurry, there are front and rear Brembo-brand four-piston brake calipers and a special underbody ducting that help keep the brakes cooler and more fade-resistant.

▶ Well ... what else are you going to do with 470 horsepower? Exaggerated looks and exaggerated power leads to exaggerated tire smoke.

A 21-gun salute to a bygone era

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Into this eco-minded age of milquetoast hybrid and electric vehicles, the 2012 Dodge Charger SRT8 comes roaring back to life sporting a honking-big V-8 engine and a serious case of nose-thumbing attitude.

Consider this big family sedan a 21-gun salute to a bygone era when full-size North American family sedans could be optioned with a surplus of tire-smoking grunt that made its normally buttoned-down drivers smile gleefully from ear to ear while the neighbours simply ran for cover.

The Charger is no anomaly, but part of a family of SRT8-branded vehicles for the 2012 model year that also includes the Chrysler 300, Dodge Challenger and Jeep Grand Cherokee. They form what is one of the widest arrays of all-out performance machinery available anywhere.

Compared to the previous SRT8, this one bares its teeth in a more menacing fashion.

The basic Charger underwent a 2011 refit that gave it a sleeker and more aggressive look, improved road manners and a new base V-6.

The SRT8 expands on this theme.

Needless to say, the $54,000 (estimated) SRT8's performance and creature comforts would amaze its Hemi Charger ancestors.

That a car like this even exists in this day and age is perhaps the most amazing fact of all.

Charger SRT8

What you should know about the 2012 Dodge Charger SRT8:

- **Types:** Four-door, rear-wheel-drive full-size sedan.
- **Engine (hp):** 6.4-litre OHV V-8 (470).
- **Transmission:** Five-speed automatic with paddle shifters.
- **Mileage:** L/100 km (city/hwy) 15.0/8.0 (est.).

By comparison

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Looking for a used family hauler that doesn't make a scene, is easy to park, and doesn't burn through fuel like a refinery fire? Skip the rest of this write-up on the Hummer H2.

Launched for the 2003 model year, this Hummer featured 325 horsepower, a gargantuan body, and more off-road hardware than most of its owners would come close to needing. Big, tough and aggressive, the H2 was a fashion statement as much as a rock-crawling weapon.

Look for automatic climate control, power accessories, leather seats, Bose audio, auto-dimming mirrors and plenty more.

2003-10 Hummer H2

Engine

H2's six-litre, 325-horsepower engine was replaced in 2008 with a 6.2-litre unit that cranked out 393 ponies. The four-speed automatic was replaced with a six-speed unit, too.

What owners like

Most owners report that their H2s deliver a smooth and comfortable ride that's also quiet when driven modestly. Interior space and size, functionality, versatility and all-road confidence are other major plusses, alongside a built-in sense of adventure.

What owners dislike

Gripes tend to centre around fuel consumption, parking difficulties, and issues fitting into snug quarters. Some owners wish for more performance from the factory Bose audio system, more in-cabin storage and more thoughtfulness to the ergonomics.

Common issues

Ensure your potential H2 tracks straight down the road, as some owners have reported alignment issues evidenced by a "pull" to one side or the other. Cycle the H2 between its two- and four-wheel drive modes as outlined in the owner's manual, ensuring the transfer case shifts properly. Check carpeting thoroughly for signs of moisture, which may be caused by clogged, kinked or leaky sunroof drain hoses.

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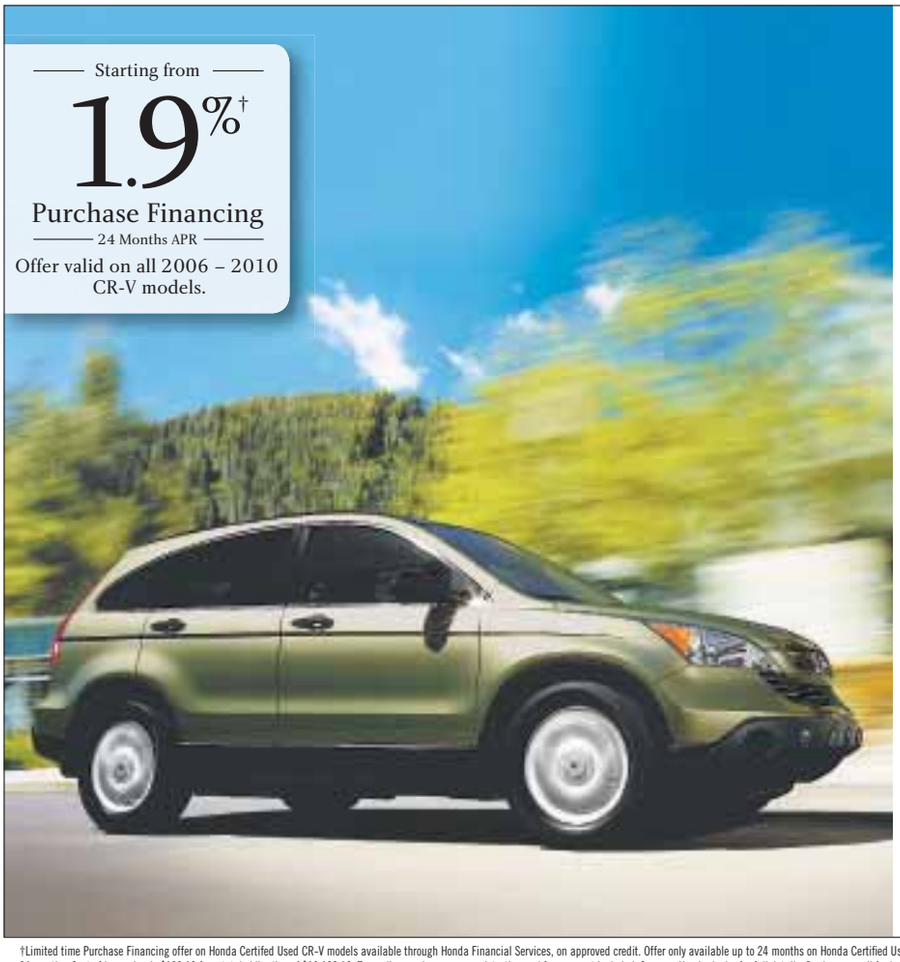

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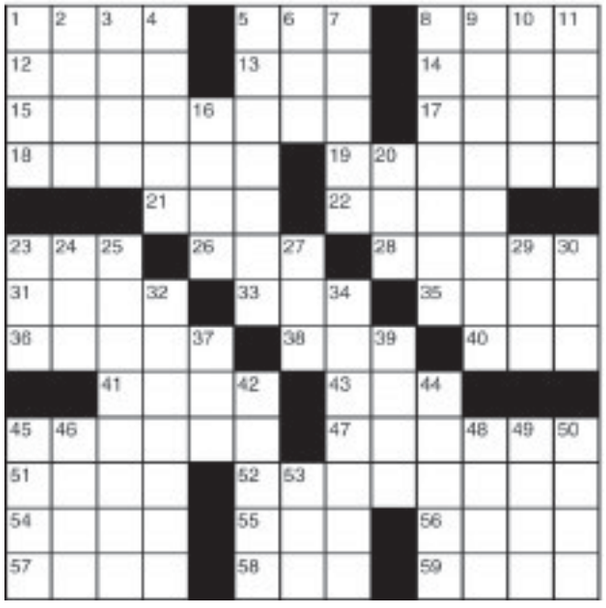

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17 British gun
18 Surpass
19 Group of seven
21 Ex-garment
22 Eastern potentate (Var.)
23 Dog's "dog"
26 Brooks or Blanc
28 Filch
31 Promptly, on a memo
33 Dopey companion?
35 Catch sight of
36 Argentina's neighbour
38 Legislation
40 Witness
41 See to
43 Go up and down
45 Rub harshly against
47 Lack of vitality
51 Weeding tools
52 Stronghold
54 Otherwise
55 Raw rock
56 Carry on
57 Rolling stone's lack
58 Obtained
59 Choir voice

Down

1 Took the bus
2 Alternative to Windows
3 Platter
4 Go in
5 Coated in flour
6 Suffix with robot
7 High-ranking Turk
8 Notwithstanding, with "of"
9 Futon, for one
10 Entreaty
11 Beach stuff
16 Paper quantity
20 Type measures
23 — -Man (vintage video game)
24 Cigar residue
25 Diner employee
27 "That's funny," to a texter
29 Gorilla
30 Caustic solution
32 Satisfies
34 Life, to Sally Bowles
37 Tackle's teammate
39 Refuses to
42 Clear the air?
44 "Déja vu all over again" speaker
45 Throat clearer
46 String tie
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50 Regarding
53 Acapulco gold

▶ Yesterday's answer

Sudoku

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Yesterday's answer ▶

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♉ Taurus April 21-May 21 Believe in yourself and the world will believe in you too.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21 Certain theories may seem convincing but you don't need to adopt what other people believe.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 Don't get too adventurous financially because this is not a good time to take that kind of risk.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23 You need to be aware today of how your decisions impact on other people.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22 Your confidence will get the kind of boost that makes all things seem possible.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 If you were planning something strenuous for today or tomorrow it might be wise to think again.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 You will be called on to deal with a challenge to your authority.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 It may seem as if you are at the mercy of events but it is how you react to those events that matters.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 You don't need to spend a fortune to get what you desire.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 Don't let the world stifle your creativity.

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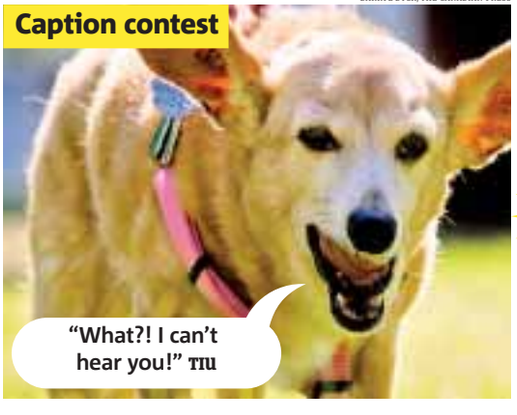

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